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GRAMSAT SATELLITE
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to develop and launch a `Gramsat satellite` inorder to facilitate village level soil profiling, crop study , water level monitoring etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its projection cost; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be launched?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a),(b) & (c) A concept of Gramsat satellite is under consideration. The time frame, configuration and other details are being studied. The proposed `GRAMSAT` Programme will have satellite based communication network for developmental communication and rural based training. Village level soil profiling, crop study, water level monitoring etc., are done utilising the IRS series of satellites.